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Based on a story by Aesop

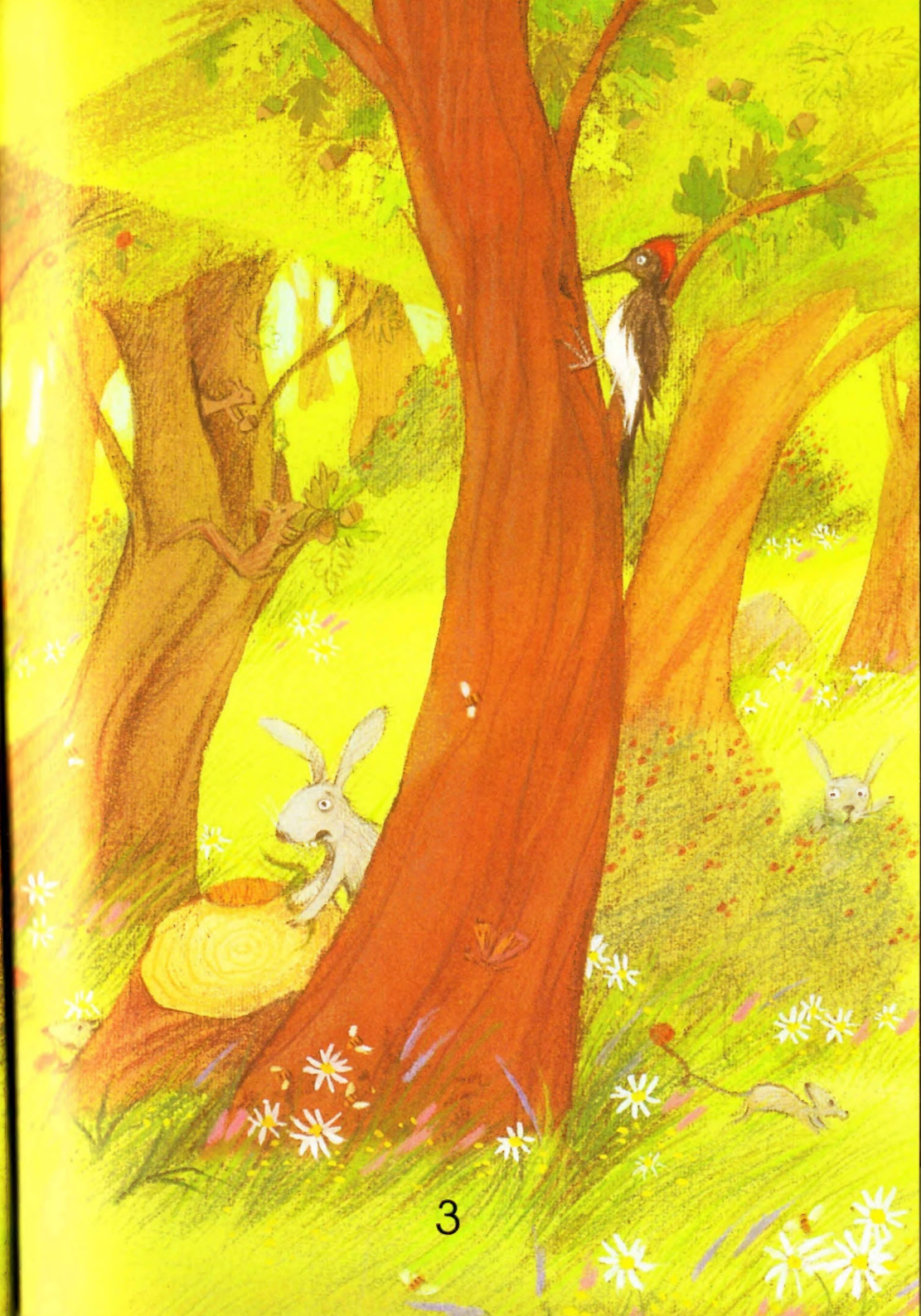


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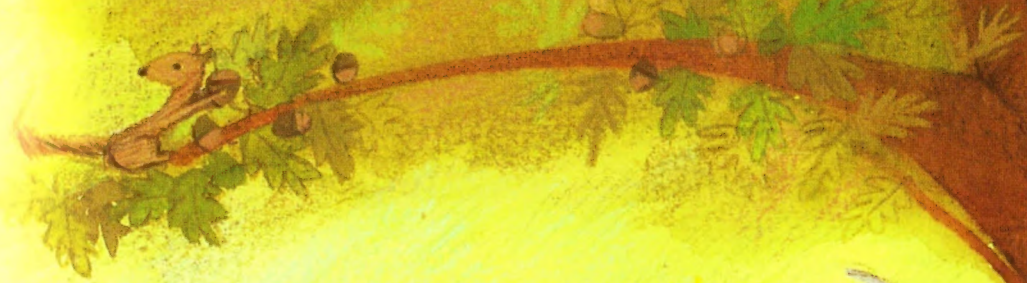
Fox was always hungry.




One day, he
saw Crow...



...with some cheese.



A fox with a large bushy tail is standing on a grassy hill in a forest. It is looking up and to the right. A speech bubble above its head contains the text "I want that cheese!". The background shows several trees and a bright, sunny atmosphere.

I want that
cheese!

He grinned at Crow.
“You’re pretty!”

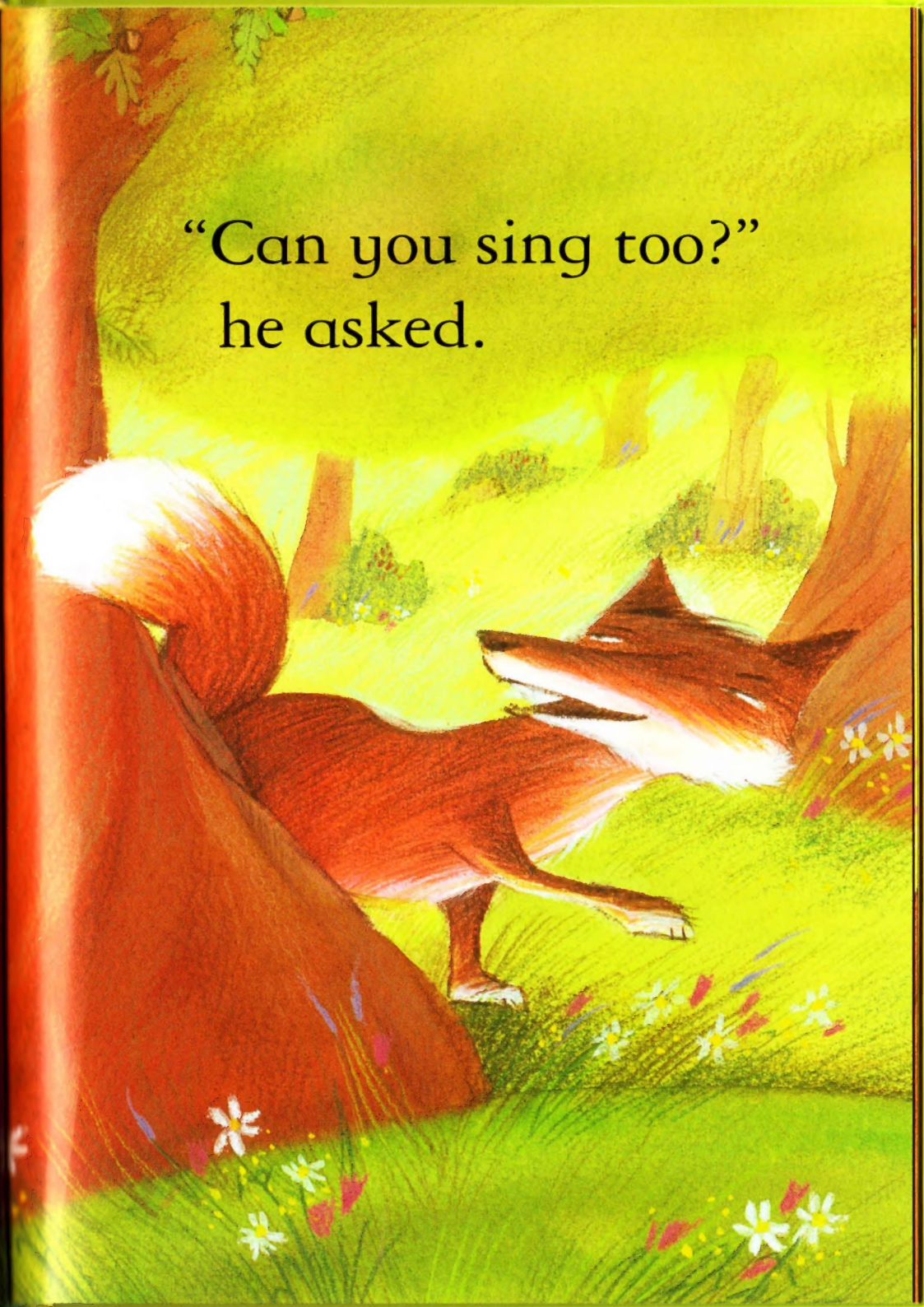


I am!



“What beautiful
feathers!”

They are!



“Can you sing too?”
he asked.

Crow nodded.




She opened her beak...

CAW!

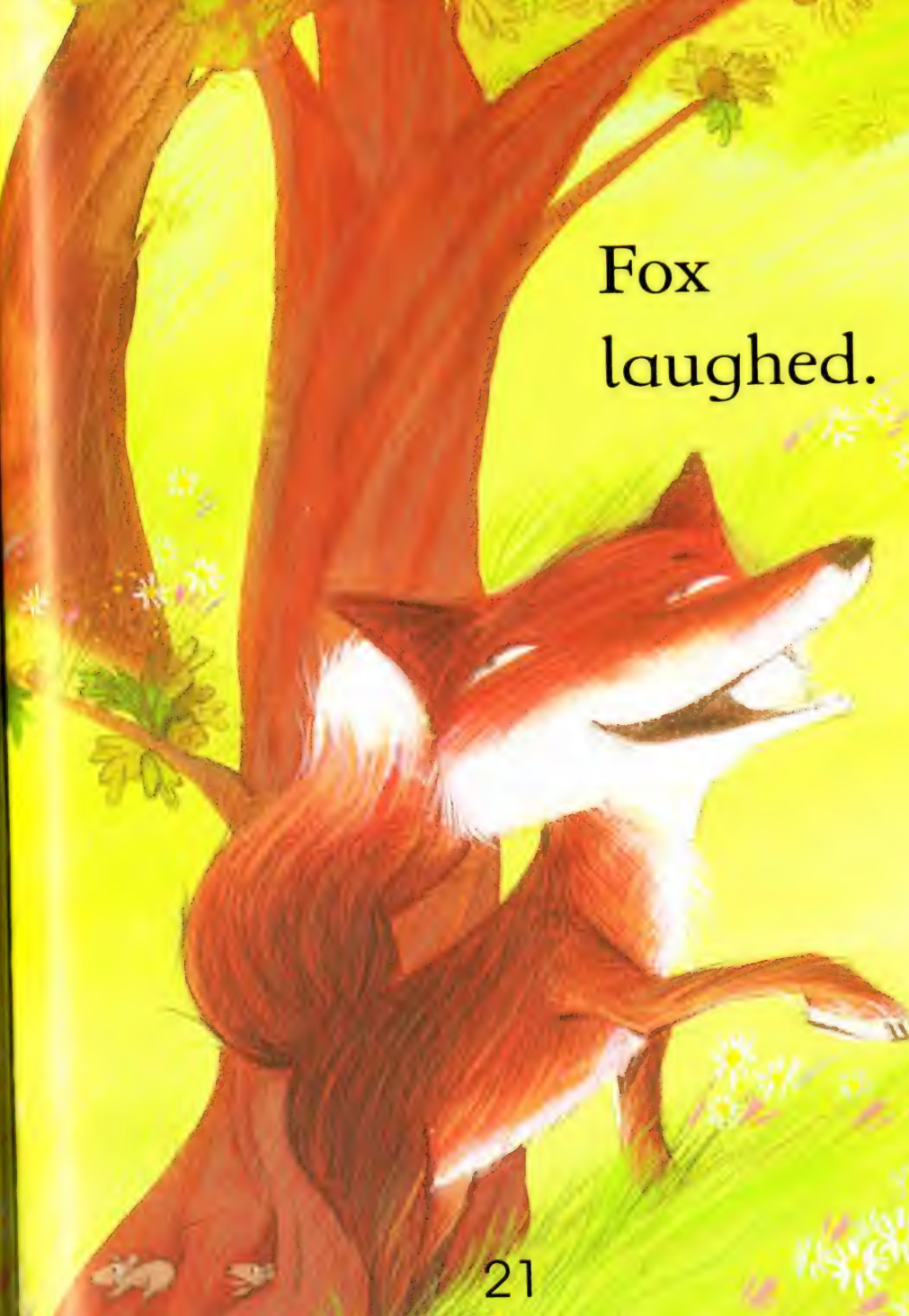
Down fell
the cheese.

Fox snapped it up.



A crow is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a bright yellow background. The crow is dark brown with a long tail. It is flying towards the right. In the background, there are red tree trunks and green foliage.

“That was mine!”
cried Crow.

A red fox is shown laughing, its mouth wide open, revealing its teeth. The fox is standing on its hind legs. The background is a bright yellow forest with red tree trunks and green foliage.

Fox
laughed.

“Don’t always
believe people who
say nice things,”
he said.



“Sometimes they
just want something
from you.”



Puzzles

Puzzle 1

Put the story in order.

A



“You’re pretty!”

B



“That was mine!”

C



“I want that cheese!”

D



“CAW!”

E



“Can you sing, too?”

Puzzle 2

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Find these
things in
the picture:

carrot

squirrels

mice

butterfly

rabbits

Fox

bees

27

Puzzle 3

True or false?



Fox is hungry. Crow is pretty.



Fox is truthful. Crow is clever.



Fox is happy. Crow is happy.



Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1

C  A  E 

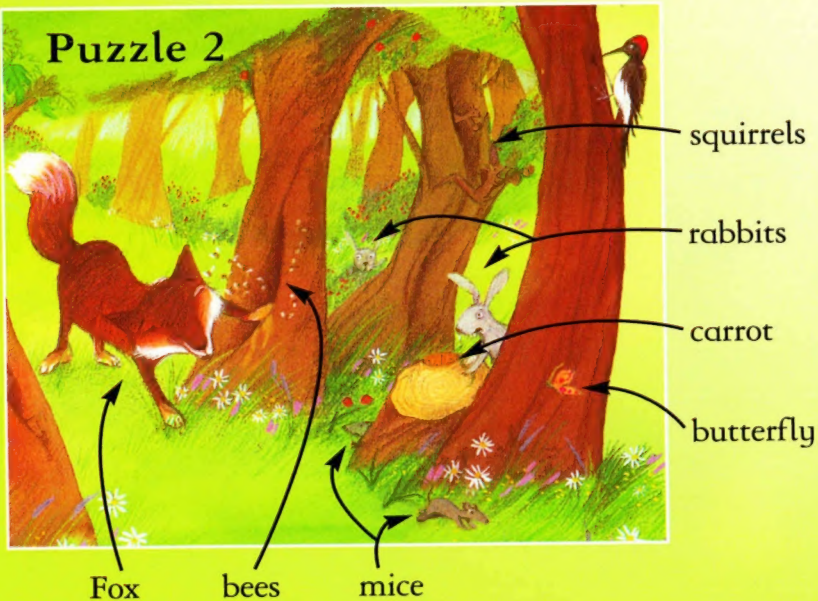
"I want that cheese!" "You're pretty!" "Can you sing too?"

D  B 

"CAW!" "That was mine!"



Puzzle 2



Puzzle 3

A  B  C 

True, Fox is hungry. False, Crow is not pretty. False, Fox is not truthful.

D  E  F 

False, Crow is not clever. True, Fox is happy. False, Crow is not happy.

About the story

The Fox and the Crow is one of Aesop's Fables, a collection of stories first told in Ancient Greece around 4,000 years ago. The stories always have a "moral" (a message or lesson) at the end.





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Fox is always hungry. One day he sees Crow, with some tasty cheese in her beak. Can Fox persuade her to let go? This lively retelling of the classic Aesop's fable has easy-to-read text and fun puzzles to try after the story.



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